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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GDR

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SUMMARY: ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL MET AUGUST 9 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GDR UN OBSERVER MISSION TO DISCUSS TIMING AND MODALITIES OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. STOESEL OUTLINED SCENARIO AS FORESEEN IN REFTEL A. GDR REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT WELCOMED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BASED ON PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF UN CHARTER AND VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THEY SAID THEY WOULD INFORM THEIR AUTHORITIES OF US PRESENTATION AND AGREED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT SHORTLY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S INVITATION, GUENTER HUCKE AND WOLF-RUEDIGER SIEMENS OF GDR OBSERVER MISSION MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AUGUST 9 TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE GDR. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS FRIENDLY AND GDR REPRESENTATIVES TOOK A POSITIVE APPROACH, ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE OR PROPOSALS.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMAL INTRODUCTORY CONVERSATION, ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL SPOKE FROM THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS, A COPY OF WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE GDR REPS:

3. BEGIN TEXT: --THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTED THE COMING INTO EFFECT OF THE BASIC TREATY BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND HAS WELCOMED THE UNANIMOUS ACTION OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN RECOMMENDING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADMISSION TO FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE TWO GERMAN STATES.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT LAST JANUARY THE OFFICE OF THE US PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMED THE OBSERVER OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
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THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO AN INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WISHED TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ON THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. WE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WAS INTERESTED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH RELATIONS. WITH THIS IN MIND, AND IN LIGHT OF THE DEVELOPMENTS JUST MENTIONED, WE HAVE INVITED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO WASHINGTON FOR THE PRESENT CONVERSATION WHICH IS AIMED AT WORKING OUT PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THE

EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

THESE DISCUSSIONS, AS WELL AS THE OUTCOME TO WHICH THEY ARE DIRECTED, WILL NATURALLY BE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS INCLUDING THE QUADRI-PARTITE DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 9, 1972 AND THE QUADRI-PARTITE AGREEMENT OF 1971-1972 ON BERLIN.

INEVITABLY MANY DETAILS OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE MUST BE WORKED OUT BEFORE AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THE OPENING OF MISSIONS. FOR THIS REASON WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SEND A TEAM TO BERLIN TO ARRIVE ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 27 TO DISCUSS WITH GDR REPRESENTATIVES THE PREMISES WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AND THE VARIOUS FACILITIES WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF A MISSION. THE TEAM IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY SIX PEOPLE AND WILL INCLUDE EXPERTS ON BUILDINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS. THE TEAM WILL BE LODGED IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND WE WILL THEREFORE NOT NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GDR IN PROVIDING ACCOMODATIONS.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE IN MIND A STAFF OF BETWEEN THIRTY AND FORTY AMERICAN PERSONNEL AUGMENTED BY SOME TWENTY LOCAL EMPLOYEES. IN ADDITION TO AN ADEQUATE CHANCERY, A RESIDENCE WILL BE REQUIRED
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FOR THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, AS WELL AS QUARTERS FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STAFF. IN ADDITION TO A PRESS AND CULTURAL STAFF AS PART OF THE MISSION, WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE CULTURAL/INFORMATION CENTER IN EAST BERLIN AS WELL AS SIMILAR CENTERS IN TWO CITIES OUTSIDE BERLIN.

WE ASSUME THAT THE GDR WILL WISH TO LOOK INTO THE AVAILABILITY OF FACILITIES IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE SAME TIME FRAME AND WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO ISSUE VISAS AND TRAVEL PERMITS TO APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL IF THIS IS DESIRED. WE CONSIDER THAT THE OPENING OF THE RESPECTIVE MISSIONS MUST BE SIMULTANEOUS AND THAT THE STAFFS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME IN NUMBER.

IT IS HARDLY NECESSARY TO EMPHASIZE THAT IF THE MISSIONS ARE TO OPEN AT A RELATIVELY EARLY DATE THE FULL COOPERATION OF GDR AUTHORITIES WILL BE REQUIRED IN PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FACILITIES AND ASSISTANCE.

WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT AFTER THE AMERICAN TEAM HAS RETURNED FROM BERLIN AND WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY ITS FINDINGS, NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD IN WASHINGTON TO

REACH AGREEMENT ON BOTH ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE
QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS AND THE EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.
I HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO LEAD THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATING
TEAM AT THAT TIME. IF THE GDR WISHES TO SEND A DELEGA-
TION FROM BERLIN IT WOULD BE WELCOME. IN THE COURSE
OF THESE TALKS WE WILL WISH TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING THE BASIS AND SCOPE OF OUR RELATIONS (INCLUDING
CONSULAR SERVICES), THE FACILITIES WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO US, THE SIZE AND PRIVILEGES OF OUR MISSIONS AND
RELATED QUESTIONS. WE WILL WISH ALSO TO DISCUSS THE
BROAD PROBLEM OF CLAIMS WHICH AMERICAN CITIZENS AND
COMPANIES HAVE AGAINST THE GDR. THE GDR SIDE WILL
NATURALLY BE FREE TO RAISE ANY QUESTIONS WHICH IT DESIRES.

IT IS OUR HOPE THAT BROAD AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED
WHICH WILL PERMIT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO CO

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